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Obey Secures \$235,000 To Help Combat Meth In Barron And Rusk Counties

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Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced that the FY08 Omnibus Appropriations Bill includes \$235,000 that he requested to help the Barron-Rusk Drug Enforcement Task Force continue its anti-methamphetamine efforts.

"We've seen a significant drop in meth cases in Wisconsin, but the drug is still a real problem, putting real strain on our law enforcement agencies and our communities," said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "That's why drug task forces, like the one serving Barron and Rusk, are so important, and why I requested these funds to help them continue their fight."

The Barron-Rusk Drug Enforcement Task force is made up of eight law enforcement agencies from Barron and Rusk Counties as well as the District Attorneys from both counties. The Barron County Sheriff's Office currently acts as lead agency for the taskforce. The federal funds Obey secured are intended to help the taskforce implement an eighteen-month methamphetamine prevention and enforcement initiative that will allow the taskforce to fund two full-time drug investigators and two part-time drug enforcement officers.